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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in the Great Lakes region (S/1996/993)

Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1)

Sierra Leone *

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

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* To be followed by a formal meeting.

FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 4th meeting of the General Committee will take place on Friday, 6 December 1996, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider a request for the inclusion of an additional item (A/51/234 and Add.1) [8].

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 72nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [35]:

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36).

2. The situation in the Middle East [33]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/543, A/51/678-S/1996/953);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.38, L.39, L.40).

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H. E. Dr. Ernest Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(A/51/L.26, L.27, L.32, L.37)

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people

(A/51/L.41).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 36th meeting Conference Room 3

1. United Nations Common System [121] (E/1993/119 and Add.1, A/50/30 and Add.1, A/C.5/50/23, A/51/30, A/C.5/51/24 and A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1)

   Continuation of general discussion

2. United Nations Pension System [122] (A/51/9 and Corr.1, A/51/644 and A/C.5/51/4)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115] (A/51/515)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/51/3 Parts I and II)

   Introduction and general discussion

5. Other matters

   Oral reports by coordinators on the results of informal consultations.

Informal consultations

Morning* 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 153, 154 and 155 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/51/519 and Corr.1 and A/51/681), Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (A/51/520 and A/51/681) and Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (A/51/508 and Corr.1 and A/51/681))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1))

6 p.m.- 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme Planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1-2))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

Draft reports

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* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 4 December 1996

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: items 116, 119, 120 and other matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(Third Committee matters: NGO participation)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and all interested delegations on a draft resolution on Assistance in Mine Clearance under agenda item 34 *today*, 4 December 1996 at 12 noon in Conference Room 6.

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Discussion

The Conference of NGOs in consultative status with Economic and Social Council will hold an informal discussion on the actions taken by the General Assembly at its current session, including the question of the participation of NGOs in all areas of work of the United Nations. Interested delegations and NGOs are invited to attend. The meeting will be held *today*, 4 December 1996, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from *today* 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 73rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34].

3 p.m. 74th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34].
2. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [21 (b)]:
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/303, A/51/356, A/51/560);
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.22, L.24/Rev.1, L.25/Rev.1, L.30).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held on Thursday, 5 December 1996, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People presents a screening of a series of films until Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. *today*, 4 December

1996, the following will be screened: "Palestine: Story of a Land" (Part II).

Note: Due to technical difficulties, the film "Aqabat Jaber: Peace with no return" was not presented on Monday, 2 December. The film will now be presented on Thursday, 5 December 1996, immediately following "Palestine: Story of a Land" (Part II).

Exhibition

A cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" is presented by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations. The exhibition is on display in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Thursday, 5 December 1996.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 5 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Open-ended Consultation Group of the United Nations Disarmament Commission will hold informal consultations on the question of substantive agenda items for the Commission's 1997 substantive session. The meeting will take place on Thursday, 5 December 1996 at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Briefing

The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development will discuss recent issues and trends in the disability field under the theme "Disability and Poverty" on Thursday, 5 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 2. United Nations delegates, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as interested staff, are invited.

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The United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation on Chernobyl, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under Secretary General, will convene a meeting of the ministerial level Quadripartite Committee for Coordination on Chernobyl, expanded to include repre sentatives of interested Member States and members of the United Nations Task Force for Chernobyl, on Friday, 6 December 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 29 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 56th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.39/Rev.1

The representative of Ireland orally revised the draft resolution.

Andorra, Japan, the Marshall Islands, Peru, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Zambia, Nicaragua, the Philippines and Costa Rica.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.41/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Japan, Poland and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria and Egypt.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 78 to 26, with 49 abstentions.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.53/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Albania, Liechtenstein, Lithuania and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Ireland made a statement on behalf of the European Community.

The representative of Nigeria requested a vote on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland, Nigeria, Iraq and the Gambia.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 86 to 14, with 56 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.68

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States and the Netherlands, as well as by the Chairperson.

The representative of the Russian Federation proposed an amendment to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Egypt, Ireland and Cuba, who also requested a suspension of the meeting.

Following the resumption of the meeting, the Secretary read out the amendment proposed by the representative of the Russian Federation.

Statements were made by the representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Saudi Arabia, Croatia, Ireland, the United States, Senegal, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, the Netherlands, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Morocco, Spain, Chile, Italy and Costa Rica.

The amendment was rejected by a recorded vote of 90 to 4, with 43 abstentions.

Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of Croatia made a statement.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a vote on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece and the Russian Federation.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 131 to 1, with 20 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ghana.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 110 (c).

57th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador, Peru, the Philippines, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Morocco, the United States of America, Sudan, Namibia, the Netherlands, China, Australia, Norway, Nigeria, Zambia, Ghana, Algeria, France, and Iran.

The representatives of the Secretariat responded to questions raised in the discussion.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 1997-1998, contained in document A/C.3/51/L.72, as orally amended.

The Committee took note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in documents A/51/3, Part I and Part II, in particular chapters I to IV, V (sections A and E), and VII, which had been allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Zambia, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Colombia (on behalf of the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement), Jamaica (on behalf of the group of Latin American and Caribbean states), Lebanon (on behalf of the group of Asian states), Australia, Kenya, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, South Africa (on behalf of the South African Development Countries), Congo, the United States of America and Senegal.

The Chairperson made a statement and declared the work of the Committee concluded.

Monday, 2 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 37th and 38th meetings

Note: The summary of the 37th and 38th meetings of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/236).

Tuesday, 3 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

70th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [33]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/543, A/51/678-S/1996/953)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.38, L.39, L.40)

The representatives of Norway, the Russian Federation and the United States introduced draft resolution A/51/L.40 in the course of their statements.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Bangladesh, Yemen, KUWAIT, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Ghana, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania and Slovakia), Pakistan, Belarus and Ukraine.

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided that the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund would be held in the afternoon of Wednesday, 11 December.

71st plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [33]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/543, A/51/678-S/1996/953)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.38, L.39, L.40)

Statements were made by the representatives of Jordan, the Republic of Korea, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt,

Japan, Cuba, Malaysia, the Czech Republic, Senegal, Argentina and Australia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Lebanon.

Programme of Work

The General Assembly was informed that, on Friday, 6 December, in the afternoon, it would resume consideration of agenda item 41 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) and agenda item 44 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s) with a view to taking action on the draft resolutions submitted under those two items. That same afternoon, the General Assembly would also consider agenda item 162 (Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day).

The Assembly was further informed that on Tuesday, 10 December, in the afternoon, it would consider the reports of the First Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1996

49th and 50th meetings

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee concluded its discussion of the item.

Consideration of reports [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of the Dominican Republic in private meeting (E/1990/6/Add.7).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement to Establish the South Center, opened for signature at Geneva on 1 September 1994

Ratification: Yugoslavia (3 December 1996)*

United Nations Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-by Letters of Credit, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 11 December 1995

Signature: Belarus (3 December 1996)

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, adopted on 4 August 1995 by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Signature: Spain (3 December 1996)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Zambia (3 December 1996)

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run from 3 to 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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